



## Guide to the Burton Cohen oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Cohen, Burton M., 1923-2014
<b>Contributor:</b>	I Remember When: Recollections from Las Vegas Jewish Leaders
<b>Title:</b>	Burton Cohen oral history interview
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Burton Cohen conducted by Michael Geeser on November 14, 2005 for the I Remember When: Recollections from Las Vegas Jewish Leaders Oral History Project. He talks about his career as a casino executive, celebrities in Las Vegas, Nevada, the role of organized crime in the city, and about executives of other casinos. He also answers questions from the audience.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Burton Cohen conducted by Michael Geeser on November 14, 2005 for the I Remember When: Recollections from Las Vegas Jewish Leaders Oral History Project. He talks about his career as a casino executive, celebrities in Las Vegas, Nevada, the role of organized crime in the city, and about executives of other casinos. He also answers questions from the audience. Cohen held top executive positions in casinos in Las Vegas, starting with the Frontier and including the Desert Inn, Circus Circus, the Flamingo Hotel, the Thunderbird, Caesars Palace, and the Dunes. He has also served on the boards of various charities, as president of the Nevada Resort Association and of the Anti-Defamation League of Nevada, on the board of the Convention

Authority, and was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sunrise Hospital at the time of the interview. Digital video available; no transcript available.

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### Acquisition Note

This interview was conducted and filmed by the Congregation Ner Tamid, produced by Roberta Sabbath, and published by Poppy Productions, Las Vegas, Nevada; a DVD copy was transferred to the University of Nevada Las Vegas Oral History Research Center.

### Processing Note

Interview materials were cataloged by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2006. Melise Leech wrote the collection description.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Casinos -- Management
- Organized crime

## General Note

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